



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-2018-0287]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Revision of an Approved Information

Collection: Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA) announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval and invites public comment. FMCSA requests approval to renew an ICR titled, “Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration.” This ICR is necessary for ELD vendors to register their ELDs with the Agency.

DATES: Please send your comments by **[Insert date 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register]**. OMB must receive your comments by this date in order to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2018-0287. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to

oira_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20503.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration.

OMB Control Number: 2126-0062.

Type of Request: Renewal of a currently approved information collection.

Respondents: ELD vendors.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 224.

Estimated Time per Response: 15 minutes.

Expiration Date: December 31, 2018.

Frequency of Response: On occasion.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 336 hours [224 respondents × 2 devices per respondent × 3 updates per device × 15 minutes per response].

BACKGROUND:

On December 16, 2015, FMCSA published a final rule titled “Electronic Logging Devices and Hours of Service Supporting Documents,” (80 FR 78292) that established minimum performance and design standards for hours-of-service (HOS) ELDs;

requirements for the mandatory use of these devices by drivers currently required to prepare HOS records of duty status (RODS); requirements concerning HOS supporting documents; and measures to address concerns about harassment resulting from the mandatory use of ELDs.

To ensure consistency among ELD vendors and devices, detailed functional specifications were published as part of the December 2015 final rule. Each ELD vendor developing an ELD technology must register online at a secure FMCSA website where the ELD provider can securely certify that its ELD is compliant with the functional specifications. Each ELD vendor must certify that each ELD model and version has been sufficiently tested to meet the functional requirements in the rule under the conditions in which the ELD would be used.

ELD vendors must self-certify and register their devices with FMCSA online via Form MCSA-5893, "Electronic Logging Device (ELD) Vendor Registration and Certification." FMCSA expects 100% of respondents to submit their information electronically. Once completed, FMCSA issues a unique identification number that the ELD vendor will embed in their device(s). FMCSA maintains a list on its website of the current ELD vendors and devices that have been certified (by the vendors) to meet the functional specifications. The information is necessary for fleets and drivers to easily find a compliant ELD for their use in complying with the FMCSA regulation requiring the use of ELDs.

On September 17, 2018, FMCSA published a notice in the Federal Register with a 60-day public comment period to announce this request to renew the information collection (83 FR 46997). The Agency received two comments in response to the notice.

One commenter noted general support for the ELD registration requirements. The second commenter, Garmin International, Inc., requested that FMCSA: (1) include the data transfer methods supported by each ELD in the Agency's online list of current ELD vendors and devices that have been certified (by the vendors) to meet the functional specifications; and (2) refer inspectors to the Agency's online list for information regarding data transfer methods supported by ELDs and the latest compliant software versions. While neither of these impact the information collection, FMCSA notes that: (1) the Agency is in the process of updating the list of certified ELDs on its website to include supported data transfer methods; and (2) the Agency provides extensive training and outreach to its enforcement partners regarding the online list of current ELD vendors and devices that have been certified to meet the functional specifications, including the compliant software version of each device.

PUBLIC COMMENTS INVITED: You are asked to comment on any aspect of this information collection, including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for FMCSA to perform its functions; (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden; (3) ways for FMCSA to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information; and (4) ways that the burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

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Research and Information Technology.

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